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Cooling Centers, Libraries & Pools Open To Beat The Heat This Week

JERSEY CITY - **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** announce that the City will open two cooling centers and two senior centers all week, today, **Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 18th** as temperatures are expected to remain in the 90's all week. Hours will also be extended at six public libraries Monday through Friday.

The **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive** will be open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday** and the **Pershing Field Community Center, Pershing Field Complex (corner of Summit Avenue and Pershing Field Plaza)** will be open **Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

The two senior centers that will be opened as cooling centers are the **Joseph Connors Senior Center (Paterson Street Center), 28 Paterson St.** off of Central Avenue and the **Maureen Collier Community Center, 335 Bergen Avenue** between Ege and Virginia Aves. Both locations will be open **Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** for residents to cool off.

"It is important for everyone, but especially our seniors and parents of small children and infants to be cautious in high heat and humidity," said **Mayor Fulop**. "If you have a neighbor who is a senior citizen or who has special medical needs, please check on them. And if you do not have air conditioning in your home, please visit one of our cooling sites."

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of the cooling facilities if necessary.

The following libraries will be open to the community at large with extended hours. The libraries will be open until **8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 15th through the 18th**, though opening times vary:

- **Main Library, 472 Jersey Avenue**
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Five Corners Library, 678 Newark Avenue**
Hours: Mon. - 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fri. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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- **Greenville Library, 1841 John F. Kennedy Boulevard**

Hours: Mon, Wed, and Thurs. - 10a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tues. - 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Fri. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Glenn D. Cunningham Library, 275 MLK Drive**

Hours: Mon, Tues., and Thurs. - 10a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wed. - 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Fri. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue**

Hours: Mon, Tues., and Thurs. - 10a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wed. - 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Fri. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **The Heights Branch Library, 14 Zabriskie Avenue**

Hours: Mon - Wed. - 10a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thurs. - 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Fri. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The following **municipal pool sites** will also be open with the following schedule:

- **Pershing Field Pool, 201 Central Avenue**

***Entrance Fee/Membership Required per admittance*

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat/Sun 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.

- **Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center**

Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park, Johnston Ave. & Van Horne St.

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. adult swim; Mon. to Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. community swim; Sat/Sun 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. community swim

- **Pavonia Pool, West Side and Pavonia Avenues**

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. adult swim; Mon. to Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. community swim; Fri/Sat/Sun 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. community swim

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In addition to the pools, residents are also welcome to cool off from this summer heat by taking advantage of our **Water Sprinkler Systems** located in City parks. The sprinklers will be **turned on from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

Pershing Field Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	Country Village Park 30 Sycamore Road	Hamilton Park McWilliams Place
Audubon Park Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	Roberto Clemente Park - Enos Jones 8th Street & Brunswick Street	Columbia Park Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.
Terrace Park Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.	Dr. Lena Edwards Park Johnston Avenue & Pine Street
Arlington Park Arlington Ave. & Minerva St.	LaPointe Park DeKalb Avenue	Bayside Park 480 Garfield Avenue

The **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has issued the following tips for staying cool during this heat wave:

- Remain indoors (preferably in air conditioned space) as much as possible
- Wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothing
- Keep hydrated by consuming plenty of water and natural juices and avoid beverages with alcohol and caffeine which increase dehydration
- Eat light meals
- Refrain from strenuous activities
- Recognize the symptoms of heat disorders

To protect others from heat exhaustion, residents are urged to check on elderly neighbors and those with disabilities. Apply sunscreen with a high SPF content to small children to avoid overexposure to the sun. Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles where temperatures could exceed 190 degrees in less than ten minutes, and provide shade and cool water to pets.

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